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“This is an exciting opportunity for California voters to roll up their sleeves and have a real impact – it’s an experiment in direct democracy,” said State Auditor Elaine Howle, whose office is overseeing creation of the commission.

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“With a state as big and diverse as California, who draws the lines – and how those lines are drawn – will truly shape the future of our state,” Howle said. “Nominate yourself to make real change and get involved.”

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